(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) In July 1937 and March 1938. The culverts have been repaired and an estimate for other improvements to the road is under preparation.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : With reference to the answer to part (*a*), may I know, what is the width of that road ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : It is a village road about 10 feet wide.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether it is a metalled road or an ordinary road ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : I do not think it is a metalled road.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether the inhabitants of the Vadakkekara pakuthi has any other means of access other than this, to go to Munambam?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : I do not know.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : It is stated in the answer that the road is under water even in summar during high tide. May I know how many feet of water will there be in such a situation?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : Between 1 foot and 2 feet.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether the Chief Engineer has on any occasion visited that road ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : No, Sir.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know, what will be the expense necessary to raise the road so that it may not be under water even during high tide ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : It will cost about Rs. 11,500— But the people refused to surrender a portion of their lands for the construction of that road.

Jenmikaram settlement registers.

19. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have completed preparation of jenmikaram settlement registers in the whole State;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative what is the extent of the work to be finished and the reasons for the delay and the time required for completing the same;

(*c*) whether they have appointed a committee under the provisions of Section 46 of the Jenmi and Kudiyan Amendment Regulation for ascertaining the price of commodities after 1110, and if not, what is the reason for the delay and who is responsible for the same;

(*d*) whether the price of commodities has risen since the first committee submitted their reports ; and

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(*e*) when the first committee was appointed and when that committee submitted the report ?

Mr. K. George: (*a*) No. The register of jenmikarams has been prepared for 20 pakuthies in the taluks of Tovala, Agastisvaram, Kalkulam, Karunagapally, Kartikapally, Kunnattur and Pattanapuram.

(*b*) The following are the important items of work that remain to be done before the preparation of the register of jenmikarams is taken up in respect of the remaining pakuthies:—

1. 2763 jenmikaram cases pending disposal on 1-11-1113 have to be disposed of.

2. 2487 cases pending in the offices of the Division Peishkars have to be disposed of after necessary orders in revision.

3. 42 revision cases are pending disposal in the office of the state Jenmikaram Settlement Officer.

4. The lists of Jenmies and Kudiyans arranged in alphabetical order have to be prepared for 25 pakuthies.

5. Out of the lists of 347 pakuthies prepared, the lists of 38 pakuthies are pending verification with the pakuthi accounts.

6. Correction of the names of Kudiyans has to be effected in accordance with the instructions issued by the Government in their R. Dis. No. 2281/37/Rev., dated 27-11-1937, in the lists of 327 pakuthies.

7. 4952 cases transferred from the Jenmikaram Section are pending disposal in the Karampathippu Section. It is likely that some of those cases may come back for the settlement of jenmikaram on the basis of documents produced by the parties in the course of the Karampathippu enquiry to show that the properties are outstanding on Kanom.

8. Steps have to be taken after verification of the pre-settlement records, for the change of tenure of the jenmom lands wrongly recorded as 'Pandaravaga Kudijenmom' at the last Settlement.

9. The mistakes in the decision and in the procedure followed pointed out by the checking officers and the inspecting officers have to be rectified.

Every endeavour is being made to expedite the above items of work.

One year more will be required for the preparation and completion of the register of jenmikarams.

(*c*) There was no appreciable rise in the price of commodities forming part of jenmikaram to necessitate the appointment of a committee before Government have sanctioned the appointment of committees to function from the beginning of 1114.

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(*d*) There was some rise in the price, but it was not appreciable.

(*e*) The first committee was appointed in 1110, *vide* notification. C. No. 739/33/Rev., published in the Gazette, dated 9-12-1109.

There were three committees, one for each of the Divisions of Trivandrum, Quilon and Kottayam and the reports of the committees were submitted to Government on 7-3-1935, 19-3-1935 and 1-4-1935, respectively.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : In ascertaining whether a land is jenmom or not by the Jenmikaram Settlement Officers, may I know whether that descision was arrived at merely on the reliance of statements in settlement records or of the admission of the parties concerned in the registered documents?

Mr. K. George: The Settlement Officers relied also on the admission of parties.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: When there is a conflict between the admission of the party and the statements in the settlement records, may I know, what formed the basis for determining that a particular land is jenmom?

Mr. K. George: Both the document and the admission of the party were taken into consideration in determining whether a land is jenmom or not.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: To ascertain whether the land is jenmom or not may I know whether agreements between the parties admitting the land to be jenmom have been taken into consideration by the jenmikaram settlement Officers?

Mr. K. George: The settlement was effected after perusal of the records and in consultation with the parties by the Settlement Officers.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: If the admission of parties is not found to tally with the statement in the settlement register, may I know whether the Settlement Officer will conduct any other enquiry to ascertain whether a land is actually jenmom or not?

Mr. K. George: When there is a conflict between two sets of documents, an independent enquiry is made into the matter?

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: What will be the nature of such an enquiry and its scope.

Mr. K. George: That is a hypothetical question. I have not come across any decision made by Settlement Officers when there is a conflict between the admission of the parties and the settlement register.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether it is useful to rely on the admission of the parties alone and determine a land as jenmom on that assurance

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Mr. K. George: It is not a live question now. The settlement is nearly complete.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: May I know whether there are kanom properties which are not found in the Sirkar records?

Mr. K. George: There may be cases of that kind. In such cases, as I said before, we refer to the pre-settlement records.

Revenue sales in Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha taluks.

20. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the number of revenue sales that had to be stopped for want of bidders in the taluks of Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha in the year 1112; and

(*b*) the reasons for the same?

Mr. K. George: (*a*) Parur 45
Kunnatnad 59
Muvattupuzha 4.

(*b*) The sales had to be stopped owing to inadequacy of the extent notified for sale, existence of prior encumbrances on the land etc.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know from the member whether it is not a fact that the difficulty, delay and waste experienced in getting sannads of revenue sales and in getting delivery of properties thus purchased, are the chief factors that stand in the way of the public going in for purchase in revenue sales.

Mr. K. George: I do not subscribe to that view.

Converting into a cartable road the pathway between Puthenkurisu and Puthenchunkam.

21. ***Mr. N. V. Chacko:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether their attention has been drawn to the importance of converting into a cartable road the way from Puthenkurisu to Puthenchunkam in the Kunnatnad taluk?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: Yes.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: May I know whether the importance of the road in connection with the Cochin Harbour has been brought to the notice of Government?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: There are a good number of such roads which are important in connection with the Cochin Harbour. I cannot now say whether this road is one of them.

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